



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/040,906 Confirmation No.: 1498
Applicants : Greta ARNAUT *et al.*
Filed : January 9, 2002
Title : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING NOVEL BACILLUS THURINGIENSIS Cry2Ae INSECTICIDAL PROTEINS, PLANT CELLS, PLANT OR SEEDS COMPRISING THE NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES AND METHODS OF USING SAME
TC/Art Unit : 1638
Examiner: : Anne R. KUBELIK
Docket No. : 58764.000036
Customer No. : 21967

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants provide the following Amendment and Reply ("Response") to the final Office Action mailed March 9, 2006 ("Office Action"), in the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to respond to the Office Action. Accordingly, the time for response will be extended up to and including September 9, 2006, which is a Saturday, extending the date to September 11, 2006 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a). Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1520.00 to cover the fee for the three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) and the fee for a Notice of Appeal (being filed concurrently with this Response). Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for the submission of this Response. However, in the event that the USPTO requires an additional fee to enter this Response or to maintain the present application pending, now or hereinafter, please charge such fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

This Amendment and Reply is provided in the following format:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6; and

Exhibits A-D are attached.

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